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SUBJECT: BIB/RFE/RL: PORTUGUESE RADIO HEAD COMMENTS

EUR FOR DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY ARMITAGE

1. DURING MARCH 16 CONVERSATION ON OTHER MATTERS, DCM
DISCUSSED NEW RARET CONTRACT WITH MAJOR JOAO FIGUEIREDO,
HEAD OF PORTUGUESE STATE RADIO CORPORATION (RDP). FIGUEIREDO
WAS VERY FRIENDLY; DID NOT MENTION TERMS OF CONTRACT; AND
DID NOT RECRIMINATE RE HIS DEPARTURE FROM GOP NEGOTIATING
TEAM.

2. BLOC CRITICISM: FIGUEIREDO NOTED THAT PORTUGAL WAS
BEING ATTACKED BY SOME EASTERN EUROPEAN COUNTRIES FOR
HAVING RENEWED THE RFE/RL CONTRACT, AND HE SEEMED A LITTLE
NERVOUS OVER IT. DCM COMMENTED THAT THIS WAS TO BE
EXPECTED; THAT THE CRITICISM SHOULD BE SEEN AS PART
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OF THE COMMUNIST RUN-UP TO THE BELGRADE CONFERENCE; AND
THAT MORE OF THE SAME COULD BE EXPECTED BETWEEN NOW AND THE
CSCE REVIEW.

3. VISITS: MAJOR FIGUEIREDO SAID THAT HE HAS RECENTLY
BEEN INVITED OFFICIALLY TO VISIT BULGARIA, CZECHOSLOVAKIA
AND POLAND. HE HAS ACCEPTED THE BULGARIAN INVITATION AND

EXPECTS TO VISIT THERE ABOUT APRIL 10-18. HE HAS NOT YET ACCEPTED THE POLISH AND CZECH INVITATIONS AND IS NOT INCLINED TO DO SO, AT LEAST AT THIS TIME. DCM AGREED, NOTING IT WOULD BE HARD FOR FIGUEIREDO TO BE A POLITE GUEST WITHOUT LENDING HIMSELF TO SOME DEGREE OF EXPLOITATION.

4. DEUTSCHE WELLE: FIGUEIREDO COMMENTED THAT AT PRESENT HE IS WORKING ON THE DEUTSCHE WELLE (DW) CONTRACT RENEWAL, FOR WHICH HE EXPECTED THE RFE/RL NEGOTIATIONS TO SERVE AS A MODEL. HE DID NOT GIVE ANY DETAILS OF THE GOP-DW SITUATION EXCEPT TO NOTE THAT THE DW HAD SEVERAL NEGOTIATORS IN LISBON AT THE MOMENT. CARLUCCI

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